is now saying that the question of including the work is 'being considered'. Will the Hon. Minister make up his mind at least now and say that so far as the Second Five-Year Plan is concerned, this work will be included in it?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMI PADAYACHI : Yes, Sir, in view of the importance of the matter, we are reconsidering this matter.

Tamilnad Christian Association Conference

* 3108 Q.—SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received the resolution passed by the Second Conference of the Tamilnad Christian Association held at Tindivanam on 17th December 1954 regarding—

(i) the removal of the distinction between Hindu Harijans and Christians of Harijan origin in matters concerning educational concessions and appointments; and

(ii) the extension of the special privileges and the preference for ten more years from the date of expiry of the tenth year specified in the Constitution; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Engineering degree of Sri Venkateswara University

* 3109 Q.—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Engineering degree of Sri Venkateswara University is held on a par with the degree of the Madras University?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : No, Sir. The University has not raised the question for the consideration of this Government so far.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that students belonging to Madras State are now studying in the Andhra State and they will be conferred the Venkateswara University Degree of Engineering soon after they pass out from their institutions next year? These students being residents of the Madras State will naturally seek employment in this State. So, will the Government treat the Degree of Venkateswara University on a par with the Degree of the Madras University for purposes of employment, especially as the Examination in the former University is being conducted by the Professors of the Madras University?